

## House Resolution No. 4528

**Whereas**, it is with great pride and sincere admiration that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives honor treasured residents of the Show-Me State who have experienced the joys and blessings of a prosperous marriage; and

**Whereas**, sixty years ago on July 30, 1947, G.H. Surrette took the hand of his beautiful bride, Marvel Austin, as they began their commitment to a lifetime of shared love and devotion by exchanging wedding vows during a solemn ceremony officiated by the Reverend Claude Howe at the home of the bride's parents; and

**Whereas**, in the years since that heavenly day, G.H. and Marvel Surrette have had the pleasure of raising three children, René, Dewanna, and Ronald (deceased), and the privilege of spoiling four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; and

**Whereas**, a World War II veteran of the United States Navy, G.H. Surrette is known as a dedicated family man who generously provided his loved ones with a comfortable home and secure future through his successful fifty-four-year endeavor in the ministry while also serving as a professor of Old Testament at the college and seminary level, including at Southwest Baptist University in Bolivar; and

**Whereas**, a devoted wife, loving mother, and outstanding homemaker, Marvel Surrette has further distinguished herself as a retired elementary school teacher; and

**Whereas**, G.H. and Marvel Surrette have found the road to happiness by putting all of their energy, love, and ambition into their marriage and by knowing that a successful union is built upon such strong qualities as sacrifice, dedication, and honesty; and

**Whereas**, Mr. and Mrs. Surrette, residents of Bolivar, commemorated the glorious occasion of their Sixtieth Wedding Anniversary during an Alaskan cruise with their children and grandchildren:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join in extending our most hearty congratulations to G.H. and Marvel Surrette for their tremendous success in achieving sixty years of wedded bliss and in wishing them only the best as they continue their journey walking hand-in-hand along life's path; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mr. and Mrs. G.H. Surrette, as a measure of our esteem for them.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Mike Parson  
District No. 133

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do  
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House  
Resolution No. 4528, adopted August 22, 2007.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker